

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 769

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Lon Boyd of Kingsport.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the passing of Mr. Lon Boyd; and

WHEREAS, Lon Boyd was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, after receiving the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Tennessee, Mr. Boyd began his lifelong practice of law in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, Lon Boyd was a steadfast political fixture for more than 40 years in the City of Kingsport and Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd served with acumen and alacrity as Sullivan County's top elected administrative official from 1966-1986, County Judge and County Executive, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he continued his illustrious political career as an esteemed member of the Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen, where he became known for his uncommon ability to spur cooperation between the city and county governments; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Boyd showed himself to be a progressive thinker by providing wisdom and leadership to Kingsport government and was instrumental in cultivating Kingsport's opportunities for economic growth by providing the groundwork and making the difficult decisions necessary for the progress that the city currently enjoys; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd courageously served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy as a Class Six Navy Frogman during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Lon Boyd was an active and devout member of the First Presbyterian church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd was a compassionate man who was always willing to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Mr. Lon Boyd leaves behind will be fondly remembered and greatly treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Lon Boyd enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 51 years, Betsy, and was a proud brother to Shirley Boyd Page; a loyal brother-in-law to Howard Hensley and Harrold Lee Vaughn; and a beaming uncle to Dan Page and wife Christy, Dr. David Page and wife Lisa, Laura Hensley and husband Brent, Alice Hensley Pope, Michelle Boyd Cline and husband Michael, Vernon Vaughn and wife Mary, Lee Vaughn and wife Carla, Steven Vaughn and wife Caroline; and eleven great-nieces and great-nephews; and

WHEREAS, Lon Boyd leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mr. Lon Boyd, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Lon Boyd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.